

The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin Bathwick

19 September 2021
16th Sunday after Trinity



Carl Bloch (1834-90), *Let the little children come to Jesus* (c.1870)

Prayers after Communion

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Final Hymn *stand*
hymnbook 439 Praise to the holiest in the height

Blessing and Dismissal *stand and bow your head*
The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.
All Thanks be to God.

Music after the service
Grayston Ives (b.1948), *Intrada*

*Please be aware of the need for
social distancing as you leave the church.
There will be an opportunity to donate to the
ongoing work of the church on a plate by the door.
If you would prefer to donate by BACS (online),
the account for St Mary's Bathwick PCC
(Nat West Bank) is 00233331
and the sort code is 560034.
Many thanks for your generosity*

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

**Please use this service-sheet and the weekly
notice-sheet to inform your prayer and reflection
during the coming week.**

Music before the service

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937),
Adagio from *Symphony no. 4*

Opening Hymn *stand as the bell rings*
hymnbook 86 My song is love unknown

Welcome and Introduction

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Penitential rite

In today's gospel, the disciples argue over who is "the greatest." For the times our own pride and arrogance have blinded us to the gifts and talents of others, let us ask the Lord for pardon and mercy...

Lord Jesus, you are our peace and our salvation:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you sustain the poor and lift up the lowly:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you call us to serve one another in humility
and love:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis

All **Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world:
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the
Father: have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord,
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art the Most High,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.****

The Collect

the prayer of the day

*The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words
'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.*

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

sit as we listen to the scriptures of the day

First Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1,12-22

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;
considering him a friend, they pined away
and made a covenant with him,
because they are fit to belong to his company.
For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,
'Short and sorrowful is our life,
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,
and no one has been known to return from Hades.

Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;
he reproaches us for sins against the law,
and accuses us of sins against our training.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
world: grant us thy peace.

Invitation to Communion

The priest invites us to receive the communion of Jesus' body and blood

Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Distribution of Holy Communion

*So that the distribution of communion may proceed as safely as
possible, it will be done in silence. Therefore at this point we
collectively acclaim the Body and Blood of the Lord:*

As the priest presents the Blessed Sacrament he says
The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

As the priest presents the Precious Blood he says
The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

**Worshippers are reminded that the entirety of the
sacrament is received when only the Blessed
Sacrament (the consecrated bread) is consumed –
the priest (only) will consume the Precious Blood**

**Ministers of the Sacrament will have sanitised their
hands with alcohol-based gel**

**You are requested to maintain a distance of
at least 1 metre as you queue to receive the
Sacrament at the front of the nave.**

**The Blessed Sacrament will then be 'dropped' into
your outstretched hands without any additional
words being spoken**

Communion Hymn

hymnbook **431 O thou who camest from above**

Communion Motet

View me, Lord (Richard Lloyd b.1933)

View me, Lord, a work of thine: Worldly joys, like shadows, fade
Shall I then lie drown'd in night? When the heav'nly light appears;
Might thy grace in me but shine, But the cov'nants thou hast made,
I should seem made all of light. Endless, know nor days, nor years.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel In thy word, Lord, is my trust,
At thine altar, pure and white: To thy mercies fast I fly;
They that once thy mercies feel, Though I am but clay and dust,
Gaze me more on earth's delight. Yet thy grace can lift me high.

Offertory Hymn

hymnbook 375 I danced in the morning

Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name, for our
good, and the good of all his holy Church.

May this sacred offering, O Lord,
always confer on us the blessing of salvation,
that what it celebrates in mystery
it may accomplish in power,
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts and the choir leads our response:

Choir Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

knelt as the bell rings

The president recalls Jesus' words at the Last Supper, and this acclamation is used

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

At the end of the prayer of consecration, all sing Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer in these or similar words

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

He professes to have knowledge of God,
and calls himself a child of the Lord.
He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;
the very sight of him is a burden to us,
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,
and his ways are strange.

We are considered by him as something base,
and he avoids our ways as unclean;
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,
and boasts that God is his father.

Let us see if his words are true,
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;
for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him,
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

Let us test him with insult and torture,
so that we may find out how gentle he is,
and make trial of his forbearance.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death,
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.'

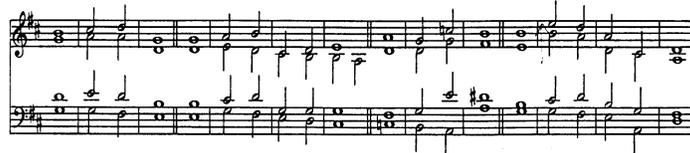
Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,
for their wickedness blinded them,
and they did not know the secret purposes of God,
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 54
EDWARD C. BAIRSTOW



- 1 Save me, O God, for thy | Name's | sake :
and a- | venge me | in thy | strength.
- 2 Hear my | prayer, O | God :
and hearken | unto the | words of my | mouth.
- †3 For strangers are risen | up a- | gainst me :
and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes |
seek | after my | soul.
- 4 Behold, | God is my | helper :
the Lord is with | them that up- | hold my | soul.
- 5 He shall reward evil | unto mine | enemies :
destroy thou | them in | thy | truth.
- 6 An offering of a free heart will I give thee, * and praise
thy | Name, O | Lord :
be- | cause it | is so | comfortable.
- 7 For he hath delivered me out of | all my | trouble :
and mine eye hath seen his de- | sire up- | on mine |
enemies.

Epistle Reading

James 3:13-4:3,7-8

A reading from the letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness

born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you. You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

stand

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord:
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

sit

The Creed

stand

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

kneel or sit

The prayers are introduced by the priest

One of these responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy. (or) Lord, hear us.

All hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Peace

stand

The priest introduces the Peace with these or similar words

God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

the Peace may be shared verbally with your immediate neighbours without any physical contact